

## 7A GRAMMAR permission, obligation, and necessity

a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

- 1 These jeans are too tight. I **should have tried** them on before buying them. ✓
- 2 Emma's still very upset about her divorce, so you **hadn't better ask her** about it.
- 3 The invitation said we **didn't need to wear** formal clothes, so we wore jeans.
- 4 Employees **don't have to download** any software as it's against company rules.
- 5 We're **supposed to finish** early on Fridays, but we always end up staying late.
- 6 If you want to be sure of passing your exam, you really **ought study** more.
- 7 The boss is in a bad mood today so **you'd better watch out**.
- 8 You **don't need to show** your passport for domestic travel within the UK.
- 9 We **ought to think** of that solution earlier. It's too late now.

b Circle the correct alternative in each pair. Tick (✓) if both are possible.

**Customer** Hi, my laptop hasn't been working properly for a few days. Could you help?

**Technician** Yes, of course. First of all I'd **need to** / **need** look at it. Have you brought it with you?

**C** Yes, here it is. It's been really slow since I opened up an email attachment. I know I **mustn't** / **shouldn't** have done that, but I did and now I feel really stupid.

**T** Mm, we always tell people that you're **not supposed** / **not meant** to open up an attachment unless you know who the sender is, but people do. The other thing we always tell customers is that they **mustn't** / **don't have to** forget to back up their files before they bring a laptop in, just in case we have to reinstall programs. You have backed yours up, haven't you?

**C** Oh yes, I've done that. But what do you think the problem is?

**T** I'm just having a look now, but you **haven't got to** / **don't need to** worry. In fact, you **needn't have brought** / **didn't need to bring** it in! The memory on the laptop is full and that's why it's been working so slowly. You **should** / **ought** get an external hard drive and transfer your larger files to free up some memory. It'll work a treat!

**C** Which brand would you recommend?

**T** Well, I'm not really **permitted** / **allowed** to recommend one brand over another, but have a look at our catalogue with the prices. That **should** / **must** help you decide which one to get.

**C** That's great, thanks...



### activation

c Write five rules that you think would make your English class go (even) better! Use the grammar from b above.

*I think it would be really good if we all handed in the homework when we were supposed to.*